

**INFORMATION PACKET
FOR
NON-TRADITIONAL ROUTE
TO
TEACHER CERTIFICATION**

**American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence (ABCTE)
or
Teach for America (TFA)**

NON-TRADITIONAL ROUTE TO TEACHER CERTIFICATION

RULE: IDAHO STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION (IDAPA 08, TITLE 02, CHAPTER 02)

045. NON-TRADITIONAL ROUTE TO TEACHER CERTIFICATION.

An individual may acquire interim certification as found in Section 015 of these rules through an approved non-traditional route certification program. (3-20-14)

01. Approval of the Program. The State Board of Education must approve any non-traditional route to teacher certification. The program must include, at a minimum, the following components: (3-20-14)

- a. Preassessment of teaching and content knowledge; (4-6-05)
- b. An academic advisor with knowledge of the prescribed instruction area; and (4-6-05)
- c. Exams of pedagogy and content knowledge. (4-6-05)

02. Eligibility. Individuals who possess a bachelor's degree or higher from an institution of higher education may utilize this non-traditional route to an interim Idaho Teacher Certification. (3-20-14)

03. Requirements for Completion. To complete this non-traditional route, the individual must: (3-20-14)

- a. Complete a Board approved program; (4-6-05)
- b. Pass the Board approved pedagogy and content knowledge exams; and (4-6-05)
- c. Complete the Idaho Department of Education Criminal History Check. (4-6-05)

04. Interim Certificate. Upon completion of the certification process described herein, the individual will be awarded an interim certificate from the State Department of Education's Bureau of Certification and Professional Standards. The term of the interim certification shall be three (3) years. During the term of the interim certificate, teaching by the individual must be done in conjunction with a two (2) year a teacher mentoring program approved by the Board. The individual must complete the mentoring program during the term of the interim certificate. In the case where teachers start their mentoring program in the third year of their interim certificate, they must apply to the State Department of Education Teacher Certification Department for a waiver to complete the final year of their mentoring program for full certification. All laws and rules governing the fully certificated teachers with respect to conduct, discipline and professional standards shall apply to individuals teaching under an interim certificate. (3-20-14)

05. Interim Certificate Not Renewable. Interim certification hereunder is only available on a one (1) time basis per individual. It will be the responsibility of the individual to obtain full Idaho Teacher Certification during the three (3) year interim certification term. (4-6-05)

06. Types of Certificates and Endorsements. The non-traditional route may be used for first-time certification, subsequent certificates, and additional endorsements. (3-20-14)

AMERICAN BOARD FOR CERTIFICATION OF TEACHER EXCELLENCE (ABCTE)

INFORMATION:

At this time, American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence (ABCTE) is the only computer-based alternate route to teacher certification. ABCTE is designed as an avenue to enter the teaching profession or to add additional certificates or endorsements to an existing Idaho teaching credential. The candidate **MUST** hold a Bachelor's degree prior to enrolling in ABCTE.

For further information regarding ABCTE, refer to the ABCTE website at: www.abcte.org

GUIDELINES:

1. The candidate **MUST** hold a Bachelor's degree prior to enrolling in ABCTE.
2. The candidate completes the ABCTE assessment process through ABCTE.
3. Upon successful completion of the ABCTE assessment process, the candidate is issued the ABCTE "Passport to Teaching" certificate.

NOTE: It is highly recommended to provide potential hiring districts with a copy of the ABCTE "Passport to Teaching Certificate" and secure a position in the content area and grade level of certification **PRIOR** to application for an Idaho three (3)-year interim certificate. A candidate can assure the district that the state will have direct reciprocity with the ABCTE "Passport to Teaching" certificate and will issue the three (3)-year interim certificate upon application and clearance of a Criminal History Check (CHC).

4. The candidate submits an application for an Idaho three (3)-year interim certificate/credential to the State Department of Education.
 - a. Upon clearance of a Criminal History Check (CHC), the applicant will then be issued a three (3)-year interim certificate/credential allowing time to meet the Idaho standards to qualify for a clear five (5)-year, renewable certificate/credential.
 5. The candidate teaches in the content area and grade level of certification as a Teacher of Record and simultaneously completes a required mentoring program and any additional requirements as applicable.
 - a. The candidate will meet the Idaho Comprehensive Literacy requirement as provided in statute, if applicable.
 - b. The candidate will meet the Mathematical Thinking for Instruction requirement as provided in statute, if applicable.
 6. Upon successful completion of the mentoring program, the candidate can apply for the clear five (5)-year, renewable certificate/credential subsequent to meeting State Board of Education (SBOE) and Idaho statutory requirements as outlined above.
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Once the clear five (5)-year renewable certificate/credential is issued, the certificate holder will be subject to any other State Board of Education (SBOE) statutory requirements when applying for additional certificates and/or endorsements.

NOTE: In order to apply for **renewal** of the clear five (5)-year certificate/credential, the applicant is required to complete six (6) educationally related professional development credits. At least three (3) of the professional development credits have to be transcribed from an accredited college/university and the other three (3) can be obtained from an accredited college/university or through district approved in-service.

NOTE: Fifteen (15) clock hours of district approved in-service is equal to one semester credit hour.

TEACH FOR AMERICA (TFA)

INFORMATION:

Teach for America (TFA) is designed as an avenue to enter the teaching profession. TFA-Idaho Corps members are regionally prepared to teach in Idaho and commit to TFA to teach for two years.

For further information regarding TFA, refer to the TFA website at <https://www.teachforamerica.org/>

GUIDELINES:

- 1.** The candidate **MUST** hold a Bachelor's degree prior to enrolling in TFA.
 - 2.** The candidate completes the TFA Training Institute and passes the applicable PRAXIS II content area exam(s).
 - 3.** Upon successful completion of the TFA Training Institute and passage of the applicable PRAXIS II content area exam(s), the candidate is issued a TFA-Idaho Verification of Completion letter.
 - 4.** The candidate submits an application for an Idaho three (3)-year interim certificate/credential to the State Department of Education.
 - a.** Upon clearance of a Criminal History Check (CHC), the applicant will then be issued a three (3)-year interim certificate/credential allowing time to meet the Idaho requirements to qualify for a clear five (5)-year, renewable certificate/credential.
 - 5.** The candidate teaches in the content area and grade level of certification as a Teacher of Record and simultaneously completes a required mentoring program, any additional requirements as determined by TFA-Idaho, and, when applicable, the Idaho Comprehensive Literacy Course/Assessment and Mathematical Thinking for Instruction course.
 - a.** Requirements for the mentoring program
 - b.** The candidate will meet all additional requirements as determined by TFA-Idaho, if applicable.
 - c.** The candidate will meet the Idaho Comprehensive Literacy requirement as provided in statute, if applicable.
 - d.** The candidate will meet the Mathematical Thinking for Instruction requirement as provided in statute, if applicable.
 - 6.** Upon successful completion of the mentoring program, the candidate can apply for the clear five (5)-year, renewable certificate/credential subsequent to meeting State Board of Education (SBOE) and Idaho statutory requirements as outlined above.
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